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SUBJECT: PROGRAM AND AGENDA FOR US/EC COMMISSION CONSULTATIONS,

MAY 29-30

1.LOERKE OF THE EC COMMISSION NORTH AMERICAN DESK, AFTER CONSULTATION WITH HIJZEN AND OTHERS IN THE COMMISSION, HAS FIVEN US FOR FORWARDING TO WASHINGTON SUGGESTIONS FOR THE AGENDA AND PROGRAM FOR THE MAY 29-30 US/EC CONSULTATIONS. THE COMMISSION SIDE WOULD BE HEADED BY SOAMES. HE WOULD BE ASSISTED BY OTHER COMMISSIONERS AND COMMISSION OFFICIALS AS APPROPRIATE.

2. THE COMMISSION'S SUGGESTIONS FOR THE PROGRAM/AGENDA ARE AS FOLLOW:

MAY 29 $\,$ 8:15P.M. WORKING DINNER TO BE GIVEN BY AMBASSADOR GREENWALD.

I. DISCUSSION OF ECONOMIC POLICY: RECESSION, INFLATION, RELATION TO TRADE AND MONETARY POLICY.(AT THIS DISCUSSION SOAMES WOULD PROBABLY BE ACCOMPANIED BY COMMISSION VICE PRESIDENT HAFERKAMP AND POSSIBLY COMMISSIONER HILLERY.) IF TIME PERMITS, GENERAL EXCHANGE ON OVERALL US/EC RELATIONS. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MAY 30 EARLY MORNING POSSIBLE CALL BY THE HEAD OF THE US

DELEGATION ON PRESIDENT ORTOLI.

EARLY MORNING POSSIBLE WORKING GROUP AT SENIOR-OFFICIAL LEVEL TO DISCUSS LDC ISSUES. (THE COMMISSION IS NOT INSISTING ON THIS WORKING GROUP BUT MERELY WISHEDS TO SUGGEST THE POSSIBILITY SHOULD THE US BE INTERESTED).

11:00 A.M.

1:15 P.M. PLENARY SESSION

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3:00 P.M. LUNCH GIVEN BY THE COMMISSION.

3:00

4:15 P.M. RESUMPTION OF THE PLENARY SESSION.

AT THE MORNING AND AFTERNOON PLENARIES THE GROUP WOULD DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING TOPICS IN THE ORDER LISTED:

II. GENERAL US/EC RELATIONS (INCLUDING ANY IMPRTANT BILATERAL MATTERS)

III. RELATIONS WITH DEVELOPED CONTRIES

IV. RELATIONS WITH DEVELOPING COUNTRIES
-COOPERATION IN THE UN AND OTHER INTERNATINAL BODIES
-NEW ECONOMIC APPROACHES TO THE PROBLEMS OF LDCS

V. RAW MATERIALS POLICY

4:30 P.M. PRESS CONFERENCE

3. ALTHOUGH LOERKE WAS UNABLE TO FIVE DEFINITE ASSURANCES ABOUT THE PARTICIPATION OF OTHER COMMISSIONERS IN THE CONSULTATIONS, HE ANTICIPATED THAT CHEYSSON WOULD BE PRESENT FOR THE LDC ASPECTS OF THE TALKS. LOERKE EXPLAINED THAT THE COMMUNITY WAS NOT SUGGESTING A SPECIFIC TOPIC ON MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS SINCE THE COMMISSION ANTICIPATED THAT THIS WOULD BE COVERED AMPLY IN THE SOAMES/DENT TALKS ON MAY 22. HOWEVER, HE LEFT OPEN THE POSSIBILITY THAT SHOULD EITHER SIDE BELIEVE THAT ANYTHING FURTHER NEEDED TO BE ADDED ON MTN DURING THE MAY 29-30 CONSULTATIONS, IT SHOULD FEEL FREE TO DO SO.

4. WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING PROMPT WASHINGTON REACTIONS TO THE COMMISSION'S SUGGESTIONS ON THE SCHEDULE AND THE AGENDA AND, IN PARTICULAR, WHETHER WASHINGTON WOULD BE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INTERESTED IN A WORKING PARTY FOR A PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION OF SOME ASPECTS OF THE LDC ISSUES PRIOR TO THE PLENARY TREATMENT OF THE TOPIC.
GREENWALD

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